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IN THE *PATENT* APPLICATION OF:

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office action dated May 12, 2005, the Examiner required an election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 prior to an examination on the merits of application. The separate species of the claimed invention as identified by the Examiner are as follows:

- Species I : Figures 1A and 1B
- Species II : Figure 2
- Species III : Figure 3
- Species IV : Figure 4
- Species V : Figure 5
- Species VI : Figures 6 and 7
- Species VII: Figure 8

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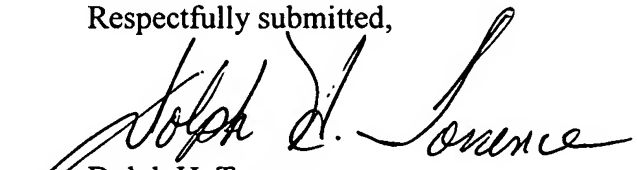
Sub-Species A: Figure 1C and 1D
Sub-Species B: Figure 1E

In compliance with the Examiner's requirement, Applicant provisionally elects with traverse for further prosecution the jet-propulsion system shown in Figures 1A and 1B (designated as Species I) and the S-shaped slit shown in Figures 1C and 1D (designated as Sub-Species A). Claims 1-5 are considered to be readable on the elected species.

Notwithstanding the propriety of the election requirement for examination purposes, Applicant contends that he should be entitled to a consideration of related embodiments falling within the scope of a generic inventive concept. Moreover, it would appear that a search and examination of the entire application could be accomplished without a serious burden on the Examiner since the multiple embodiments identified of record would seemingly encompass a common field of search.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the election requirement, and issue an action on the merits of all the embodiments presently in the case. Alternatively, should the Examiner maintain the requirement and make it final, Applicant awaits a complete action on the merits of the elected subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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